



Art I

Richmond Hill High School

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Course Description – Art 1 is an introductory art class in which we will explore a variety of media (drawing, painting, etc.) and examine a variety of art styles. Throughout the semester, we will utilize critical thinking skills while learning about art history, art-making processes, writing reflections, and discussing modern topics in visual art. This project-based class will help you become a better artist by taking risks, problem-solving a variety of artistic situations, and experimenting with a variety of media. This class is perfect for all students, from the visual arts novice to the art school-bound. You are also welcome to come and work after school if you need additional time or assistance.

Supplies – You will need your **chromebook every day**, **pencils**, a **folder for handouts**, and a **notebook for notes**. You will be required to keep an organized notebook for class. I will provide all other art materials.

Class Materials (voluntary): If you are able, please collect the following materials and bring them to class. We will be using these throughout the year: **Newspapers. Yogurt cups. Magazines for collage projects.**

Grading – Formative (30%) – Art skill exercises, reflection writing, quizzes, notebook checks, and homework assignments.

Summative (70%) – Projects, Final

Make-up work policy – You are responsible for any work missed during your absence. Please remember that this is a project-based class, where the majority of your grade is based on your project being completed based on all assigned criteria. **Incomplete work will not receive a passing grade.** Please see me the day you return to school to receive any missed assignments. Additional time will be determined by the instructor when necessary.

If you simply require more time to complete an art project (summative project), It will be granted **without consequence**. It takes varying amounts of time to create outstanding artworks depending on the student, the project, and the technique(s) utilized. Any incomplete art projects must be completed within 2 weeks past the assigned due date, outside of class time, unless Mr. Bianchi says otherwise.

Tutoring – I am happy to provide assistance after school/before school to those in need of help. I want you to succeed in my class, and I will work with you to improve. I am typically available Mon-Wed after school, and before school every day.

Discipline – It is first and foremost my duty to create a safe, nurturing environment in which all students can flourish. Disrespect to myself, classmates, or the studio space and equipment will not be tolerated. There is not a seating chart, but one will be created if I deem it necessary for the benefit of my students. All policies within the RHHS handbook will be reinforced in my classroom. I reserve the right to handle all classroom management concerns as they arise, at my discretion.

Electronics Policy: During class, I need to be able to talk to you and your classmates. For this reason, you are NOT permitted to use any electronic device during class time other than the computers in the classroom. Headphones/earbuds are not permitted at RHHS. Your phones and/or other unpermitted electronics will be collected if I see them being used when not specifically permitted. Repeated infractions will result in, but are not limited to, detention, calls home, and parent-teacher conferences.

How can parents aid in student success?

Make sure the student is prepared with the necessary materials and all work is completed.

Encourage your child's interest in art.

Positively discuss all work that students bring home.

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This year presents the unusual, unconventional approach to this course: virtual learners from home. While this is the result of an important family decision that was not doubt born out of safety and concern, the rigor of the course will be upheld from a distance. There is a very high level of ownership and engagement necessary for eLearners to be successful in this content area. Here are some important points about virtual learners within the art courses:

- All visual art courses are hands-on, project-based courses
- Students will be expected to follow the class
- Students must be logged onto the virtual classroom at the exact same time as the physical class
- Students, or their artwork, **must be visible for the entire class period**
- Students will need **ample, dedicated space** that is not shared, and is ideally secure from pets, siblings, etc.
- Students will need to **routinely pick up and drop off supplies**, as necessary
- Parents will be notified, with at least **72 hours notice**, of when materials will be needed

All virtual learners are responsible for maintaining their projects independently and following the procedures and guidelines outlined in the physical classroom. Additionally, virtual learners will be loaned tools and materials that may need to be returned. ***Although the teacher will facilitate the pick up/ drop off of materials, it is the learner's responsibility to contact the teacher if they require more tools/materials.***